

## SUGGESTION BOX

Just a reminder that the suggestion box is available to make your ideas known. If you wish a direct response, please include your name and contact information. All questions will be answered in the bulletin. Let your voice be heard!

## ELECTRONIC GIVING HAS ARRIVED!

At last, electronic giving is an option for your support of St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima. It is easy to begin with just a few simple steps. Go to our parish website at [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org) and click on the tab marked "Make a Gift." Instructions are given there for electronic giving as well as a number for giving by text message. You may also still give using the Cash App at \$saolf. Thank you for your patience and we thank you ahead of time for your cyber generosity!

## END OF YEAR REMINDERS

A reminder that all gifts and donations to our parish must be received by December 31 in order to be credited for the 2018 tax year. A statement of giving will be prepared and available for those who need it for their tax filings. Thank you for your generosity!

**ALSO, if you pledged at the Faith in Action portion of the Gala celebration, please remit those gifts as soon as possible. Thank you so much!**

## CELEBRATING FAITH BUILDING CHURCH

With the end of the calendar year, the redemption period for the pledges for our new church will come to an end. While the church is now debt free, all are asked to be faithful to their promise to support that effort as best they can. Any gifts received in payment of pledges after December 31 will be graciously received as donations to the building maintenance fund. Thanks to all who were so faithful and thanks to those who made the sacrifice to move us toward the future. God bless us all!

## CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2019 Church Calendars will be available Sunday December 30. Please take one per family so that all may have the opportunity to receive one. Thank you for your kindness.

## 2019 ENVELOPES IN NARTHEX

And ready for pick up for use in the New Year. If your name is not found on the envelopes, we may have made a mistake, or you asked not to receive envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact

Br. Bob as soon as possible so any errors may be corrected.

### +++ LITURGICAL MINISTRIES +++

Today, Sunday, December 23, 2018

5:00 Mass Ministers to be determined

8:30 Mass  
Commentator: Keith Durand  
Lector: Tyler Hughley  
Eucharistic Ministers: Shimeaker Hampton  
Jacquelyn Hite- Jackson  
Usher: Thomas Stover  
Greeter: Kyle Hughley Theresa Hughley  
Server: Dante Hampton

10:30 Mass  
Commentator: Herrick Martin  
Lector: Justin Wilhite Jarred Wilhite  
Eucharistic Ministers: \* Bettye Smedley Dr. Harold Butler  
Rosena Daniels Charles Smith  
Shirley Shanklin Lena Austin  
Elinor Williamson Michelle Booker  
Billy Cardwell Crystal Willis  
Greeter: Karen Bradley Debbie James  
Betty Washington Eboni Mikel  
Server: Clarice Banks Eric Smedley  
Gavin Smedley

Next Sunday Dec 30, 2018

5:00 Mass Ministers to be determined

8:30am Mass  
Commentator: Ellen Connally  
Lector: Pam Pendleton  
Eucharistic Ministers: Anthonia Iwenofu Anthony Iwenofu  
Usher: Lazarus Oranugo Shirley Tucker  
Greeter: Veronica Safo Michelle Johnson  
Server: Uzuchukku Oranugo

10:30 Mass  
Commentator: Layah Hodges  
Lector: William Mikel Melissa McCall  
Eucharistic Ministers: \* Bianca Campbell Gyta Martin  
Laquisha Andrew Felicia Ivery  
Usher: Patience Mangum Jeremy Mangum  
Michelle Booker Crystal Wills  
Billy Cardwell Donzell Andrew Jr.  
Greeter: Tara Young Myla Montgomery  
Elyse Mikel Eboni Mikel  
Server: Nicole Onuorah Ronald Onuorah

*Ministers are respectfully reminded to be present at least 10 minutes before Mass begins!*  
SEE MINISTRY SCHEDULES AT [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)

**2 Days until Christmas!**

## St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church



## MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church  
is a visionary Catholic Christian Community.*

*As a diverse parish, we embrace  
Africentric worship,  
Christ centered hospitality,  
and missionary service.*

*Sustained by the wisdom of our elders  
and energized by the spirit of our youth,  
we come together in faith  
as a church family  
to give witness to the liberating message  
of the Gospel*

**Schubert Hall Rental**  
Call the parish office  
For available dates and  
Rates

**Fatima Family Center**  
6600 Lexington Ave.  
LaJean Ray, Director  
216-391-0505

6800 Lexington Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars  
Visit the Capuchins at [www.capuchin.com](http://www.capuchin.com)

## PARISH INFORMATION

Office: 216-391-1655  
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Friary: 216-431-8854  
Website: [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)

## Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 5:00 (Vigil) 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday: As Scheduled  
Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:00 pm or anytime by appointment.

## Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

Arrangements made in advance with Carolyn Mack. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

## Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparations begin with priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and six months prior to intended date. Contact Brother Bob or Deacon Martin before setting a wedding date.

## Sacrament of the Sick and Home Visits:

Please contact the parish office.

**Parish Registration:** Welcome to our parish. To register, please contact the parish office.

## PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Robert Marva, OFM Cap. Pastor  
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Mr. Danny McElroy, Director of Music Ministry

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon**  
For publication in the following Sunday's  
bulletin

**DECEMBER 23, 2018  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**+ SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK +**

Having received the message of the angel, Mary goes to her cousin Elizabeth to prepare for the birth of John the Baptist. While Mary's concerns are many over the birth of her own son, she does not focus on herself, but reaches out to another in need. Many things weigh on us this time of year and we can be tempted to turn in on ourselves. Mary's example calls us to reach out to others in their need, and to place our trust in the God who is coming to save us!

**YOUR SACRIFICE THIS WEEK**

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,000.00. Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY OFFERING: 12/16/18      \$4,678.11

SECOND OFFERING: Building Maint.      \$413.43

Second Offering Today: Loaves and Fishes

Second Offering Next Week: Transportation

**MISSALETTES ARE AVAILABLE**

The new missalettes are in the pews for use at Mass to better tend to the Word of God. Personal copies are available for purchase for \$5.00. Please see any of the staff if you are interested. *Please do not take the books out of the racks in Church!* Thank you for your cooperation.

**GET IN THE A.C.T. WITH HUG-A-TREE**

The Active Catholics Together (ACT) Group will sponsor the Hug-A-Tree to provide hats, gloves, scarves and socks at the Tuesday Loaves and Fishes Meal. These items will be collected from November until February for adults and children. **Donations may be brought forth at the offertory of Mass each week.** See Corlette or Donna.

**THANK YOU FROM PROVIDENCE HOUSE**

Thank you for your generosity to the Giving Tree and the gifts provided to Providence House this year. A special word of thanks and appreciation goes to the Women's Group for chairing this year's efforts and making sure the gifts were delivered in plenty of time. Your efforts will make another's Christmas brighter and filled with the knowledge that they are not forgotten at this blessed time of year!

**MASS INTENTIONS AND  
SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Dec 23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

**Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45**

5:00 pm For the Parish

8:30 am Welfare of Children in Foster Care

10:30am Rev. Randall Woods, ST dec.

**Dec 24 Advent Weekday**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27-29

Lk 1:67-79

**Dec 25 The Nativity Of The Lord**

Is 52:7-1 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or

1:1-5, 9-14

**Dec 26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4, 16-17

Mt 10:17-22

**Dec 27 St. John, Apostle, Evangelist**

1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Dec 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18

**Dec 29 Fifth day within the Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord**

1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

**Dec 30 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH**

**Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or**

**3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28**

**Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24**

**Lk 2:41-52**

**SECOND COLLECTION CHANGES**

It has been a long practice at SAOLF to have a second collection each Sunday at Mass. These collections are for specific purposes, and some are designated to be sent to the Diocese for distribution to the proper cause. The diocesan designated collections have envelopes provided in the envelope box each year, as well as our own Charity Fund and Building Maintenance Fund. All of these envelopes may be placed in the main collection basket and will be sorted to the proper charity, organization, or regular tithe as marked. With the approval of the Finance Council, beginning in January there will be no second basket passed through the church for a second offering. Please use the **printed and designated special collection envelopes in your boxes or take one from the table in the Narthex or Gallery.** This will streamline the offering process and simplify the

closing rites of Mass on Sunday. More information will be provided over the next several weeks before implementation. Thank you for your assistance!

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Dec 23 Social Justice Commission      12:30pm I

Birthday Celebration      12:30pm SH

Church Decorating      12:30pm CH

**Church is closed for regular business this week!**

Dec 24 Christmas Carols      7:00pm CH

Christmas Mass at Night      7:30pm CH

Dec 25 Christmas Mass of Day      10:00am CH

Dec 26 NA      7:00pm SH

Dec 27

Dec 28

Dec 29 Sunday Vigil Mass      5:00pm CH

Dec 30 Sunday Masses      8:30am and 10:30 am CH

**NO SWAGG DECEMBER 23 and 30**

Enjoy the break and celebrate Christ this Christmas!

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT SAOLF**

Dec. 23 Church Decorating after 10:30 Mass

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Celebration (Mon.)

Carols begin at 7:00 pm

Mass begins at 7:30 pm

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am

Dec. 30 Holy Family (Youth/Young Adult Choir sing

At 10:30 Mass

Dec. 31 Watch Night Mass at 10:00pm followed by

Breakfast celebration in Schubert Hall

Jan. 27 Youth Christmas Program at 12:30pm

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

The parish offices will be closed from December 24 through January 2. No meetings or activities are scheduled during that time. Enjoy the holidays with family and friends!

**TOWN HALL JANUARY 6**

This Town Hall meeting will have as its special focus the updates on Schubert Hall and the Strategic Planning Process. Please plan to attend after 10:30 Mass and be informed to make an informed decision!

**REMINDER ABOUT SOLICITING SUPPORT**

A reminder that there is no soliciting of any kind to happen in church. If you wish to ask for support for an effort for your group, school, or organization, please see Br. Bob to announce your cause. **Sales are to take place in Schubert Hall and not in church.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**+PRAY FOR THE SICK+**

Ogechi Achunine Mary Avery Georgia Atkinson Kalima Assami Joyce Baker David Baker Bessie Bolles Joyce Blanton-Smith Darryl Blanton Donna Blythewood Warb Boykin, Jr. Anna Broadhead Christine Byrd William Byrd Marcella Caffie Kathy Clayton Terrell Cole Robin Davis Edna Evans Margaret Ferguson Catherine Ford James Nakima James Forte Della Gholson Myron Gholson Adriene Hall JoAnn Hinson Althea Hite Ursula Hite Patricia Heard Estelle Hodges Kyllan Hughes Valada Hutchinson Maxine Jackson Andrea Johnson Joseph Jones Brianna Jones Evelyne Jones Reaber Jones Craig Kelly Lynne Kelly Francesca Lehu Dolores Malby Elizabeth Malby LaVerta Marshall Joseph Mangham Bill Miller David McClain Chantel McConnell Chaquita McClinton Sharon McDuffie Robert McDuffie Sr. Terri Mohr Verendez Moore Marjorie Murphy Theda Nichols Lounette Payne Erma Pollard Ernestine Poole Roosevelt Thurman Sue Scott Regina Shanklin Jerry Shelton Kevin Sipp Mary St. Clair Joyce Sparks John Strozier Barbara Sudberry Janice Thompson Hubert Watson Desiree Webb Aris White Catherine Young James Keifer Kathy Heard Eboni Edwards LaVerne Henderson Fredrick Ross II Monique Johnson Margie Jones Barbara Marshall Brown Fay Grady Rachael Glaster Odessa Marshall Jame Hoyle Monica Starks Judy Guzy Dean Hodges Sr. Latina Thomas Constance Durrah Mary Roberts Donald Leftwich James Jackson Marcia St. John Leola Wilson Sabrina Wilson Betty Moore Albert Yourse II Ophelia Swain Soloman Fidela Lozada Evelyn Morson-Eaddie Alonzo Givens

**WATCH NIGHT 2019**

We will gather to pray in and celebrate the New Year on December 31 beginning at 10 pm. This night is significant for us as it was on this evening that slaves and free awaited the Emancipation Proclamation to become the law of the land. For us as Catholics, we also celebrate the holy day that is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. What better way to begin a new year than with prayer in the House of the Lord! Please bring something to share for the breakfast after as we gather to ring in 2019. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Gallery Hall and Narthex.

**PREPARE FOR ST. AGNES DAY!**

On Sunday, January 20 we will celebrate the feast of our patroness, Agnes of Rome at both Sunday Morning Masses. Brunch will be served and other surprises in store besides! See you then!

*Happy Birthday Catherine "104"  
Young!*